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SUBJ: BANDARANAIKE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. SRI LANKA PRIMIN BANDARANAIKE PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA FROM SEPT 19 TO 23. SHE HAD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT TITO, PREMIER BIJEDIC AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL YUGOSLAVS. JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH ON THE WHOLE WAS UNUSUALLY BLAND, STATED DISCUSSIONS "CONFIRMED IDENTITY OR CLOSENESS OF VIEWS OF THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS."

2. RELATIVE 1976 NONALIGNED SUMMIT IN COLOMBO, GOY DURING TALKS EXPRESSED REDINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN MATERIAL, FINANCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PREPARATIONS. IN TOAST AT OFFICIAL DINNER BANDARANAIKE WELCOMED YUGOSLAV "SUPPORT, COOPERATION, AND ASSISTANCE" ON SUMMIT PREPARATIONS LOOKED FORWARD TO HAVING TITO'S ADVICE, VIEWS AND SUPPORT
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AND JOINED TITO IN NOTING THAT HE AND SHE AS CHARTER

MEMBERS HAVE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY THAN OTHER NONALIGNED LEADERS. SHE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT SHE IS CAPABLE OF BEARING PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLOMBO CONFERENCE ALONE.

3. COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED "ANXIETY" AT DETERIORATION IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING TALKS INCLUDED SETTING UP OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION. NOTED IN TALKS, THOUGH NOT IN COMMUNIQUE, WAS INCREASE IN TRADE THIS YEAR BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES TO WELL OVER SIX TIMES 1970 LEVEL, WITH TRADE BALANCE WEIGHTED HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF YUGOSLAVIA. IN THIS RESPECT GOY EXPRESSED READINESS TO INCREASE IMPORTS OF SRI LANKA TEA AND RUBBER, AND ALSO TO PARTICIPATE IN MIXED ENTERPRISES AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SRI LANKA. GOY AGREED TO BUILD INDUSTRIAL RUBBER FACTORY AND TO DELIVER 38,000 TON TANKER ON FAVORABLE FINANCIAL TERMS.

4. MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE WERE STANDARD ANXIETY OVER CYPRUS AND VIOLATIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM, SUPPORT OF "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" AND GOY SUPPORT FOR SRI LANKA EFFORTS TO CREATE INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE.

5. COMMENT: VERY FEW SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS SEEM EVIDENT AFTER VISIT. OFFICIAL RELEASES INDICATE LESS THAN COMPLETE AGREEMENT IN TALKS AND BLAND NATURE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE TENDS TO BEAR THIS OUT. TANJUG PRESS RELEASE ON SEPT 20 SUMMARIZING TITO-BANDARANAIKE TALKS INDICATED MUCH STRONGER SRI LANKA CONCERN OVER PROGRESS OF NONALIGNED ECONOMIC COOPERATION THAN CAME THROUGH IN COMMUNIQUE. ALSO INDICATED WAS STRONG YUGOSLAV PUSH FOR LEADING ROLE IN PREPARING 1976 NONALIGNED SUMMIT WHICH WAS NOT REFLECTED IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE. WE HAVE APPOINTMENT AT SRI LANKA EMBASSY NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS VISIT. (MOST OF STAFF HAVE BEEN OUT-OF-TOWN JUNKET WITH PM) WE WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER OBSERVATIONS GAINED. TOON

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